GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Tiger Population
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is conducting tiger census frequently to monitor tiger census frequently to monitor tiger population in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the recent census has reported any increase in the big cat's number and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the country is home to more than half of the world's tiger population and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether the Government is receiving funds from the Global Tiger Fund for protection of tigers and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) & (b)Yes Sir. The country level tiger estimation using the refined methodology is done once in four years. As per the assessment of the Status of Tigers, Co-predators and Prey, 2014 using the refined methodology, the tiger number has shown 30% increase countrywide with an estimated number of 2226 (range 1945-2491) as compared to 2010 estimation of 1706 (range 1520-1909 tigers). The details of tiger estimation pertaining to tiger landscapes in the country for the years 2010 and 2014 are at Annexure-I.
(c) Yes Sir. India has 70% of free ranging wild tiger population of the world.
(d) No Sir.

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